GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:553
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2007
PRICES OF STEEL
Gangwar Shri Santosh Kumar;Mahtab Shri Bhartruhari

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the imposition of export duty on iron ore in the recent Budget is likely to increase the prices of steel products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there have been representations received from the mining industry and from the steel companies in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to keep the prices of steel under control ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.553 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MAY, 2007 BY S/SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR AND BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING PRICES OF STEEL

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Yes Sir. The views of the mining industry and the steel industry on the levy of export duty on iron ore are contrary to each other. While the mining industry has opposed the imposition of export duty on iron ore, steel industry has supported the levy of duty on export of iron ore.

(e) In a liberalized environment, the market forces determine the prices. A Steel Price Monitoring Committee has however been constituted in the Ministry of Steel to monitor the price movement.